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1. Between 1 April and 11 May 1952, the 9th AF Tng Bn was quartered at Liberec (Reichenberg) (O 51/G 16) airfield. The 4th Co of the battalion [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 [redacted] consisted of 5 equally equipped companies with about 190 recruits each. Infantry basic training including small-bore target practice and rifle training was given in the training battalion. Former German rifles and the Czech rifles were used during the practices and both had the same caliber. Battalion commander was Lieutenant Colonel Kondrys (fnu), a Czech [redacted]
- 25X1 Deputy battalion commander was Major [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] Chief of the guard detail was Staff Captain Ruzicka (fnu). The guard detail consisted of trained personnel. Lieutenant Ladislav Skoda was charged with the administration of the buildings of the battalion. Senior Lieutenant Dobias (fnu) was [redacted] the 4th Co. Sergeant Zahourek (fnu) was the sergeant major of the 4th Co. The members of the training battalion wore black-bordered blue epaulettes [redacted] representing a four-bladed propeller on a dark metal plate. The discipline in the battalion was very strict. When a soldier was rewarded for special efforts he was photographed with his company and the photograph was sent to his parents and the pertaining national committee together with a commendatory letter. Occasionally, a special furlough of up to 10 days was granted or book prizes with the signature of the company CO were given. The personnel received a daily pay of 10 Kcs each, 90 cigarettes per month and, after 1 May 1952, 90 Kcs instead of the cigarettes.
2. Liberec airfield was occupied by 10 single-engine monoplane [redacted] single-seaters, allegedly Me-109s with one machine gun in each wing, 4 twin-engine monoplane [redacted] with double [redacted] assemblies, allegedly Stiebel bombers, and some small single-engine sports aircraft. Occasionally, individual twin-engine monoplane, allegedly Daxotas, landed at the field. Parachutists jumped from the aircraft prior to their landings. After a short time, the aircraft again took off. Air activity was conducted every day except on Sundays. The field was not provided with a concrete runway. A concrete apron about 25 meters wide was observed in front of the hangar. A large clothing depot was allegedly established at the field in 1949.
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3. [redacted] Comment. The information that the 9th AF Tng Bn was stationed at Liberec airfield between 1 April and 11 May 1952 is received for the first time. According

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to available information, the field was occupied by a SFB unit and allegedly an officer aircraft mechanics school. The single-engine Me-109s probably belong to the SNE unit and are used for border guard flights. The twin-engine Siebel bombers of 204-type probably belong to a Czechoslovakian Air Force school.

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2. Comment. The names of the officers and the establishment of a clothing depot in 1949 are reported for the first time.

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